

HOMMETOWN GAZETTE

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) OMBUDSMAN NEWSLETTER

JULY 2000

COMMANDING OFFICER'S CORNER

July, 2000

Dear BONHOMME RICHARD Family and Friends,

Greetings from the Indian Ocean! As I write this, we are preparing to make a left turn near the southern tip of India and transit across the Bay of Bengal towards Thailand.

Of course, what that all means is we are finally on our way home! Since my last letter, we have made a port visit in the United Arab Emirates and conducted Exercise Sea Soldier in Oman. Despite what you may have heard concerning schedules and fuel constraints, our July 24th arrival date in San Diego has not changed.

We will arrive off Camp Pendleton on the 23rd to offload our 15th MEU "Green Team." Members of Duty Section Three will be allowed to leave the ship and we will onload our 'mini-tigers' as well for the last lap into San Diego. I know the Ombudsmen and Family Support Group have been working hard on preparations for our homecoming; it promises to be another wonderful, fun-filled event.

Today our Engineers began their Mid-Cycle Assessment. Besides giving us a snapshot of the engineering plant's material condition, the review will help us assess our level of training on casualty control procedures and main space fire fighting ability. The entire Engineering Department, along with the Engineering and Damage Control Training Teams have been busy preparing for this important event. They are ready and thus far the team is doing great!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the 130 Revolutionary Gators who were selected for advancement off the March exam cycle. When we return home, there will be 12 new First Class, 43 new Second Class and 75 new Third Class Petty Officers! These are absolutely fantastic numbers! Additionally, we recently received word that our Damage Control Assistant, LCDR Tom McCook has been selected for promotion to Commander...congratulations to all.

On a different note, Senior Chief D'Amore and Chief Keske have been increasingly busy lately conducting Enlisted Aviation Warfare and Enlisted Surface Warfare boards. I had the distinct privilege of conducting a pinning ceremony for 15 of our shipmates today. Thus far this deployment, we have designated 175 new Surface and Air Warriors...a phenomenal accomplishment.

Right now, this is the most challenging point in any deployment. The exercises are over and all that is left is our transit back to San Diego. Sounds simple, right? Not so. We are still flying and fixing aircraft, running machinery, steaming the engineering plant and doing all those things we've been doing since January 24th. With thoughts of upcoming liberty ports and home, it's easy to become distracted. Rest assured we will continue to keep the command's focus on safety. I encourage you to remind your spouses and loved ones to do the same, along with keeping yourselves safe for homecoming day. The accolades for the efforts of your loved ones continue to roll in. VADM Moore, commander of all the naval forces in the Arabian Gulf recently noted, "While you "Have not yet begun to fight, We are confident that you are fully prepared to carry out any mission required.

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Commanding Officer: Captain Jeff Connelly
Executive Officer: Captain Rolf Yngve
Command Master Chief: MMCM Tony Calhoun
Ombudsmen: Marie Rothell and Kitty Morrison

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CO'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

You clearly demonstrated that readiness to potential adversaries. We are grateful, the Navy and Marine Corps are grateful for the sacrifices you made carrying out your chosen duties during this deployment...Well done to each and everyone of you. Steam home safely and enjoy your liberty. You have earned it!"

Truer words have never been spoken! See you pierside on the 24th...

From the Revolutionary Gator at sea...

Captain Jeff Connelly
Commanding Officer
USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)

PS – Elsewhere in this issue, information will be provided with the details on the Tiger and 'mini' Tiger cruises and homecoming plans. I think you'll agree -- all three events are shaping up to be fun-filled extravaganzas. Enjoy!

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COMMAND MASTER CHIEF'S CORNER

Dear USS BONHOMME RICHARD

Families and Friends,



Our work in the Arabian Gulf is finished; the drilling, the bilateral exercises with Kuwait, Qatar and Oman, and the port visits. All recorded on film and tape, as well as etched the memories of those who took advantage of the opportunities to visit those foreign shores.

From the searing heat of the desert at Camp Doha, Kuwait, to the crowded market places of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, filled with windows of gold, baskets of spices, and countless shops of clothing. From near hour-long boat rides to a quick walk off the brow, each port call marks an event that with its passing puts the BONHOMME RICHARD a day closer to San Diego, and numerous family reunions, which by the way is still on schedule.

Our exit of the Gulf and eastward trek put our operational commitments to Commander FIFTH Fleet in the past. From here, a couple of port calls, an Operation Handclasp or two along the way and July 24 will be upon us in no time at all. Some have started counting weeks, others, days. No matter how you count the time left, it still figures out to be less than one month.

All in all our maiden deployment has been classified a success by the powers that be. The BONHOMME RICHARD, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Commander Amphibious Squadron THREE have all worked together to keep everyone safe and make this deployment as routine as possible.

From humanitarian efforts in Dili, East Timor; what now seems like so long ago, to a stepped up tempo in the Gulf, to doing the routine on our east-bound journey, your husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters all deserve the best that life has to offer. A warm welcome and tight hug are more than deserved for the long days and weeks work they have spent showing the flag and in support of a democratic way of life for other countries such as the one we enjoy back home.

This is my opportunity to express to each and every one of you; on a large scale basis, my gratitude and appreciation for your continued support and encouragement. If not for these two powerful factors it would be much more difficult, maybe even impossible, to carry out our mission. Your dedication to your family to pick up and carry on during this time is much more appreciated than we often express.

Soon the empty seats in the car and at the table will be filled. Running here and there together will become common place once more. The family circle will be complete again.

Again, with all due sincerity, thank you for all your sacrifices.

Warm Regards,
Anthony L. Calhoun
MMCM(SW/AW) USN
Command Master Chief

Musketeer's News!

July 2000

Dear Family and Friends of the Bonhomme Richard,

Let's celebrate July is here and within a couple of weeks our sailors will be home!!! Are we ready? Make sure your "Honey do" lists are done!! Monday, 24th of July is right around the corner and time is flying by, while we get ready for our sailors to return to us. Let's use our time wisely, carefully, and plan our schedules with time for us to still be able to meet our goals, get the appropriate rest and still accomplish a non-stressful environment we so Richly deserve!

Do you all Remember...Homecoming and Reunion Classes that were held in June by the Support Group? Well there will be one more chance in July to attend this class with other family and friends and share a wealth of very useful information on what to prepare for with the return of our love ones! Do yourselves a favor and come and join us. Call the care line for details of dates and times of the July convening's.

HOMECOMING DAY! The schedule for our Command's Homecoming is written through out the newsletter this month! We are so excited to see this special reunion finally arrive! Call Kitty or Marie on the Ombudsmen Care Line and leave us a message if you have any questions or need any assistance. Remember your Family Support Group members are also available to you for Homecoming information and you can reach them by calling the Ombudsmen care line and pressing 3# to leave them a message with your questions or any info you would like to share with the families and friends of BHR!

Ombudsmen Newsletter AUGUST 2000, will be in Stand down!! CAPT Jeff Connelly, the Commanding Officer has signed our Chit for Liberty for the month of August! All this means is that we will not be distributing a August Ombudsmen Newsletter for our families and friends. Kitty and I (Marie) will be devoting time to our reunion with our sailors as will all of you. The Ombudsmen Care Line will be online 24/7! By all means you can still call us anytime you need to talk or have any issues. We want to you know we are still here for all of you, as always.

WE ARE RUNNING THE LEAVE SCHEDULE AGAIN THIS MONTH, ON PAGE 6!

ENJOY YOUR REUNION WITH YOUR SAILORS!!!

Leave your messages on the care line and we will get right back to you. Here are a few important telephone numbers:

- CARELINE (619) 744-8983 or 1-800-459-5743
- **NEW 24-Hour Emergency Only Number (619) 506-8622**
- SHIP's Homeport INFORMATION (619) 556-3123

We need your input. We welcome all comments constructive or otherwise.

T.together E.veryone A.chieves M.ore!

KEEP ON SMILEING!

From Your Two Musketeers;

Marie and Kitty ☺

Chaplain's Corner

July 2000

They, whoever they are, say that getting there is half the fun. It's true we have had our moments of fun "getting there" but the big goal has never ceased to get back home. As you read this we are preparing to do just that by attending Return and Reunion briefs.

The 24th of July will be a great day as we all see each other again. But life continues beyond the pier. We go home together and then have to reestablish the roles and boundaries of our everyday, routine lives. Start to think about that as you look forward to seeing you significant other on the 24th.

One great thing we have coming up is the Tiger Cruise. Tigers will be flying to meet the ship in Hawaii and ride the last big leg of the journey. In addition to the Tiger Cruise from Hawaii to San Diego, we will also be hosting a mini-tiger cruise from Pendleton to San Diego. This is a perfect opportunity for people who were unable to make the Tiger Cruise and still experience a little bit of ship life as well as the excitement of returning from deployment.

The same general rules of the Tiger Cruise apply to the Mini-tiger Cruise. The Tiger must be at least 8 years old, send in the intent to participate, medical questionnaire and if the mini is a minor, Request to embark a minor for dependents day Cruise. Just like the Tiger Cruise, there will be no spouses or significant others allowed to come on the Mini Tiger Cruise.

If you are interested in coming on the Mini Tiger cruise, have your Sailor on the ship send you the forms, either via email or by regular old mail. Once you fill out all the forms and send them into COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP THREE, please note: do not send the forms back to the ship, send them to Group in San Diego (the address is in the packet of information you'll get with the forms).

Time is growing short, and we'll be home soon. Let's start preparing for the "after" the pier meeting by talking about it now.

CHAPLAIN
LT LAUTENBACH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SHIP'S MOVEMENT

14-17 JULY HAWAII
 24 JULY SAN DIEGO
 28 AUGUST SAFETY STANDOWN/FAST CRUISE
 29AUG – 01SEPT UNDERWAY

Call Care Line for information from the ship. As it is available, ALL information will be posted.

Note: Everything is subject to Change without notice!

Announcements

Happy Birthdays! June Dates

TRACEY ROSLING	1
SHELLEY LAWSON	2
MATTHEW MAUPIN	4
CASSIDY HENRY	4
CAITLYN DARLING	4
GLORIA CONNER	6
LAUREN GRAHAM	7
JOHN GULLEY	8
AMBER SMITH	8
KEVIN HILL	10
AMY VALENZUELA	10
JOSH HUSBAND	12
JAMIE MANALILI	13
NICOLE BURNS	13
CORY TAYLOR	13
CHRISTOPHER DAMORE	14
ANNA GIESE	15
NARVANA ORIDENIA	16
JASON WARD	17
ALICIA WILLIAMS	18
MIRIAM SALAS	20
DESIREE PULLIAM	21
EVELYN WALKER	31
JORDAN PAFFRATH	21
CHRIS TROSEN	21
ERIC PELKEY	21
JOSHNA TOLEDO	22
JASON AHRENS	22
DAMEN MESSENGER	22
MARY MILLICAN	22
JAMES BAILEY	23
LOGAN MULLINS	23
LOGAN ALYSE	23
HELEN HUTTON	24
LAVERNE RIGGINS	24
CHARITO BAILEY	26
KATHRYN HINTON	26
JONATHAN FIELDS	29
DYLAN ROBERTS	29
MICHAEL TROSEN	30
TODD ELLIOTT	31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY !

STEVEN & JENNIFER COLLINS	1
CURTIS & BROOKE	3
JOE & CRES TUMULAK	8
JEROME & CRYSTAL DAVIS	9
L.G. & PENNY DUKE	15
TOM & SALLY DEATHERAGE	23
ROB & JULIE KALLMAN	26
MICHAEL & CHRIS TROSEN	27
MATT & JOY TUCKER	31

NEWBORNS' CONGRATULATIONS!

SH3 Juan Navarro & Andrea Martinez had a baby girl on June 6th weighing 8lbs 12 ozs 20 inches long!

ABS3 Jerome & Crystal Davis had a baby boy on March 24th weighing 7lbs 1oz . His name is Christopher Jalen Jerome Davis!

Please share with us your Good News! Call the Care line.

KIDS CORNER

Send us any ideas for the Kids Cornor, leave a message on the Care Line and we will call you back.



WELCOME HOME ALL YOUR MOM'S AND DAD'S!!

Banner Making!

Come to the next Family Support Group Activity at Admiral Baker Field, 2nd of July, to have fun signing the Homecoming Banners that will to the ship and be hanging all over town! There will be banners just for the kids, that will be taken to the Mess Decks onboard the ship for our Mom's and Dad's to SEE! Call the Care Line for any additional dates through the month before the ship comes home!

Help Make Mom's and Dad's Homecoming Dinner or Desert! No-Bake Cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup milk
 1 tsp vanilla
 5 cups quick cooking oats, divided
 1/4 tsp butter
 3 tbsp cocoa
 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter

Mix sugar, butter, milk and cocoa. Bring to rolling boil and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients. (Add 3 cups oats, then gradually add more till consistency is reached.) Drop quickly by teaspoons onto waxed paper. Chill.

DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Call the Ombudsmen Care Line if you have any questions or concerns.

From the Command:

Leave Periods and Policy for San Diego

A leave policy notice for the period 14 July 2000 to 16 January 2001 has been published. It is available on the ship's web page in its entirety and should offer you everything you need to plan for family events and holiday leave.

Ship's Policy:

Every crewmember, officer, enlisted and CPO shall have the opportunity to take 30 days leave during the year after return from deployment.

The unknown information is the ship's underway schedule. It is very much up in the air when the ship will be underway this fall. This is driven by the fact that funding is tight for underway. As we learn more we'll publish it.

Here are the most important elements.

Post-Deployment Leave and Upkeep Periods: The periods will be divided as follows:

> 14 July – 24 July: This is an underway leave period during transit to CONUS from Hawaii. Leave is highly encouraged to make room for Tigers riding to CONUS.

- The individual is responsible for obtaining their own flight to CONUS from Hawaii.
- Department Heads must ensure sufficient personnel on board to carry out the underway routine safely.
- Department heads may append this leave to Leave and Upkeep Period #1.

> 24 July – 8 August: Leave and Upkeep period #1

- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- 4 Section duty.
- Workday will be duty days only.
- 8 August is a turnover day and a normal workday.

> 9 August – 24 August: Leave and Upkeep Period #2

- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- 4 Section Duty
- ½ day workday (0700 – 1200)
- 8 August is turnover day and normal workday.
- Commence 8 Section Duty 25 August.

(DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION CONTINUED)

Thanksgiving Period: This is not an official Leave and Upkeep period. However, the current schedule and the holiday dates support a more relaxed leave policy than normal in port circumstances. The policy will be as follows:

> 17 – 26 November

- Presently no underway period scheduled.
- 8 Section Duty.
- 20% of any duty section on leave

> 23 - 26 November

- Duty Section only (Note: Friday off)
- 8 Section Duty.
- 20% of any duty section on leave

Christmas Holiday Leave and Upkeep Periods: The periods will be divided as follows:

> 16 – 27 December 2000

- 4 Section Duty.
- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- Full workday 16 – 21 December.
- Duty Section only 22 – 27 December
- 28 December is turnover day, normal workday.

> 29 December 2000 – 15 January 2001

- 4 Section Duty
- Up to 50% of any department on leave.
- Duty Section only 22 December 2000 – 1 January 2001
- Full work day 2 January 2001 – 15 January 2001
- Commence 8 Sections (or more) 16 January 2001
- 28 December is turnover day, normal workday

Other notes:

- Leave may be taken at other times. When the ship is in port, we will allow up to 10% of the ship's company on leave.
- Leave may be granted when the ship is underway only for very, special circumstances. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Liberty and the daily routine during periods outside the leave and upkeep are being discussed. We should have that information in the next newsletter.
- Personnel with negative leave balances will not normally be authorized regular leave.
- Emergency leave may be authorized at any time in accordance with Navy Policy.

A final note, due to the deployment, personnel will be able to carry up to 90 days of leave on the books as of 1 October. That means, no one should have to lose leave this year. That said, this year will be a great time to plan and take that special trip with your whole family. Take advantage of being home to take the leave that's been earned.

Video E-mail Available!

What is video e-mail? Video e-mail is the newest way to communicate to your spouse or significant other why they are deployed. At present video e-mail is a 30-second movie or clip that you can make. It's easy you just sit in front of the camera and start talking. Your image and words will then be captured. This clip will then be mailed to your spouse or significant others e-mail address. Presently the video e-mail camera is set up at 32nd Street NavSta, Navy Family Service Center, building 259. The hours of operation are 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. For those of you that can not make these hours we will set up a special session for you by appointment only. If you have any further questions about video e-mail please leave your name and phone number on the care line and we will return your call. This is a great way to communicate not just with words but with images also. Come take advantage of this technology. Please be advised that video e-mail is neither private nor confidential. Anyone can access what you have sent.

POSTAL NOTE:

NOTE: Last incoming Deployment mail will be inport Hawaii, then San Diego. All mail to the ship's FPO address will need a customs form filled out. Ship's mailing address is:

Name of Member (Use the Rate and Rank w/ name)
Dept/Division (If you know it)
USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)
FPO AP 96617-1656 (*Correction in zip code this month*)

SHIP'S INTERNET WEB SITE AND MORE!:

Visit the USS Bonhomme Richard official web site for all to see!! <http://www.lhd6.navy.mil>

Visit the 15th MEU web site ...

<http://www.cpp.usmc.mil/jpao/meuspage.htm>

Also, visit an UN-OFFICIAL Web Site by our very own Bonhomme Richard's ETC Gast and Family! Lots of great pictures to see... Thank You to the Gast Family!

<http://members.home.net/skgast/>

San Diego Union Tribune Web Site to see the Tracking Map!

<http://www.uniontribune.com/news/military/watch/index.html>

UNITED THROUGH READING is an underway quality of life program where deployed military parents stay united through reading aloud to their children on videotape. The Bureau of Personnel is funding an Operational Evaluation of the United Through Reading Program aboard 8 commands recently deployed on WESTPAC: USS BONHOMME RICHARD, USS PEARL HARBOR, USS DENVER, USS J.C. STENNIS, JEFFERSON CITY, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS PORT ROYAL AND USS ELLIOT. As the Navy follows the success of the program through the next three months, it's our intention to prove the positive impact of our program on our families and the retention. The next step will be influencing the decision for Pacific Fleet-wide or even Navy-wide growth in the next fiscal year! If your spouse has not already gotten involved in the program, remind them that all they need is a blank VHS videocassette tape (which can be purchased on the ship) and make an appointment by calling ext.4031 onboard ship. That's all there is to it and it only takes less than 30 minutes. Any questions, e-mail FCC(SW)Dale Shelinbarger, shelinbargerdm@bonhomme-richard.navy.mil. A little nudge from home might be all it takes to get your spouse to participate in a program that will mean a lot to you and your children.

Reading Literacy Program, If you do not have means to watch your videotapes there are now TV-VCR sets available to the families. Call Ombudsmen Care line for information. News on the command's Reading Literacy Program, If you do not have means to watch your videotapes there are now TV-VCR sets available to the families. Call Ombudsmen Care line for information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION

NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OFFERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has an **URGENT** need for volunteers at all of our locations. During the past year, the San Diego Auxiliary dispensed over 3.8 million dollars in interest free loans and grants to active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their eligible dependents. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the volunteers who staff the San Diego Auxiliary offices.

It's easy to work volunteer efforts for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society into your other activities. Some volunteers have other commitments which allow them to dedicate as little as 3 hours a week. Volunteer opportunities are also available for people who work full-time or who, for other reasons, can't be available during normal office hours. The Hospital Visitors Program at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego presents such an opportunity on weekends, or in the evenings.

We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available to match your particular skills. Do you enjoy talking to people and helping them solve problems? We are in need of Receptionists and Interviewers.

Do you prefer to work behind the scenes? Are you a person who likes to organize? Our Thrift Shops need volunteers to organize merchandise in attractive displays, and sell the items to military families.

If you would rather work in an office atmosphere, there is a continuing need for clerical and data entry volunteers.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides training that can lead to professional careers. You can develop skills in interviewing, financial analysis, and computer operations, just to mention a few.

Reimbursement for gasoline mileage and child care is available while performing volunteer work. Your only expense is your valuable (and much appreciated) time.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society continues to help the Navy and Marine Corps to take care of their own.

To volunteer, or for additional information, contact George Thacker at 238-1060 or e-mail at georgethacker@hotmail.com.

SELF-HELP AND RESOURCE EXCHANGE (SHARE)

For only two hours of community service (like packaging food, visiting the lonely, donating blood) and \$14.00, you can get a food package worth \$30. - \$35. Each package includes twelve to twenty-one pounds of meat, produce, and samples. Call SHARE for the name of a host in your area. 3350 E Street, San Diego, CA.

MILITARY PARISH VISITORS (MPV)

The Food Ministry Information Hotline is 619-338-4149 and is updated weekly. The Military Parish Visitors are unique to the San Diego area. They are talented problem solvers who assist active duty military families in a variety of situations, teaming with chaplains, Navy Ombudsmen and Marine Corps Key Volunteers, Hospital Social Workers, Family Service Centers Workers, and others in providing free, confidential, caring services. This special program is sponsored by thirty-six local Presbyterian churches that feel military families are special. No religious belief is required to obtain MPV services. They make home visits; have emergency food, diapers and formula; sponsor seven weekly women's craft groups; and can usually assist with transportation to medical, legal and WIC appointments (with advance notice). They often have household items and baby items available. Two Parish Visitors and a team of volunteers are available to help you. Janet Williams (619) 271-0889 helps families living south of Interstate 8, South Bay, and El Cajon. Pat Kellenbarger (858) 792-2205 helps families north of Interstate 8, in Lakeside, Santee, North County and Camp Pendleton. They accept collect calls.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC is the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children. WIC supplies extra food for breast feeding and pregnant women. Children up to five years old are also eligible. Contact WIC for qualifications and incoming guidelines at:

5821 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 583-6051 or 583-6052

FAMILY SERVICE CENTER (FSC)

FSC, 32nd Street, Naval Station, San Diego offers our very own BONHOMME RICHARD Video Cam computers and E-mail to use at the Ombudsman Work Center! Building 259, upstairs. Open to all families Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Please call (619) 514-6885 for information. The following is how you can meet the qualifications: Family must meet gross pay amount according to size of family. Family cannot have a home, you must be living in it or share.

AMERICAN RED CROSS INFORMATION

Phone number to call for information and assistance:
Address: 3650 5th Ave, San Diego, CA, 92103-4220
Email: towle@sdarc.org or <http://www.sdarc.org/>
Phone: 619-542-7400
Fax: 619-260-3528

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USS BONHOMME RICHARD FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

ALL NEW MOMMIES

We need all the new mommies to call the information line and leave us your name and number as your husband will be one of the first off the ship to see that new baby. Your baby had to be born between January 24th and July 24th. Your spouse must not have been present for the birth to qualify. The information line number is 619-744-8983 or 1-800-459-5743 box 3#.

HOMEcomings BANNERS!

Join us at our next monthly Support Group meeting at Admiral Baker Field, Sunday, 02 July 2000! Banners will be there for everyone to sign! We will be sending the banners to the ship on Homecoming Day to be placed in the Mess Decks for our sailors to see! We will also be doing the Banners for the walk bridges outside the base at 32nd Street! Let's have FUN TOGETHER. Check the Info Line for more info.

INFO LINE

For current information or schedule changes to Support Group Events, Fund-raisers, and Activities, please call our Information Line at (619) 744-8983 box #3 or 1-800-459-5743 box #3. Got an idea or something to say? Leave us a message!! We look forward to hearing from you.

FUNDRAISERS

Even though the ship will soon be back in port, your support group is still active!!! We have many FUNDRAISERS planned for the next few months. The next one will be happening in September. Call the information line for details!

ACTIVITIES

Even though the ship is on its way back, your support is still going to be in full swing! Got an idea for an activity you would like to do? Know of something really cool in the area you would like to share with others? Call the Support group information line and leave a message!!!

HOMEcomings DAY - PIER ACTIVITIES

We will be having refreshments and activities for family members and friends of all ages down at Pier 2 on the days of Homecoming. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

HOMEcomings CLASS

Nervous about your spouse's return? We have the class for you! A Homecoming preparation class, taught by Family Service Center Educators, is being offered by your Support Group. This class was also offered in June. It is designed to make the homecoming transition a smooth one for you and your sailor. The class will be held again in July at Murphy Canyon Chapel. Call the information line to find out when!

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The first Sunday of every month at 2:00PM are the Support Group meetings. **THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUGUST MEETING.** Meetings will resume in September. For more Information, call the Support Group Information Line at (619) 744-8983 or 1-800-459-5743 box #3.

WELCOME HOME SAILORS!!!

Call and leave us a message on the Care Line any time...

Your Support Group Officers

Dawn, Bonnie, Tamie, and Stacey☺

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)
OMBUDSMAN FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET
(All Information Confidential)

SPONSOR NAME RATE/RANK: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

(Please print)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ PHONE (WORK): _____

* Emergency Contact for Dependents: Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

* MAY WE RELEASE YOUR HOME NUMBER TO THE USS BONHOMME RICHARD SUPPORT GROUP?
YES _____ NO _____

* DO YOU RECEIVE THE OMBUDSMAN NEWSLETTER "HOMMETOWN GAZETTE"? YES _____ NO _____

* IS THE ADDRESS CORRECT ON THE NEWSLETTER? YES _____ NO _____

* WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT IMPORTANT DATES IN THE NEWSLETTER:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

CHECK ONE

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ BD ____ ANNV ____

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ BD ____ ANNV ____

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NAME: _____ DATE: _____ BD ____ ANNV ____

We want to thank you for your assistance in updating our roster! THANKS, From Your Ombudsmen!

The Two Musketeers, Marie and Kitty ☺

RETURN ADDRESS:

CNSP OMBUDSMAN WORKCENTER

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)

3005 CORBINA ALLEY STE2

SAN DIEGO CA 92136-5189

Or Call the Care Line 619-744-8983 or 1-800-459-5743